

Generation 4

Byron Harper WALKER and Mattie Ida BAILEY

Byron was born Dec. 17, 1865 in Richmond, Walworth County, Wisconsin and died July 24, 1898 in Gillett, Arkansas at the age of 32.

His father, William Harper Walker died in 1866 and his mother, Mary Elizabeth Walker, daughter of William's brother, George, married Martin Chappell in 1869 and had 6 more children. She died in North Dakota in 1922 age 79.

Byron and his sister, Cora, were living with their mother, Mary Elizabeth Walker Chappell and her family in Richmond, Walworth, Wisconsin in 1870. Their post office address was Delevan, WI. (Mary Walker Chappell was the daughter of George and Elizabeth Nelson Walker - this is a detail to remember because George's wife and son were responsible for Byron and Cora and played a part in their lives forever.) Refer to the chart on pages 20-21.

Page No. 2 and Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Richmond, in the County of Walworth, State of Wisconsin, enumerated by me on the 10 day of June, 1870.

Post Office: Delevan Wis P. M. King, Asst. Marshal.

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11				15	16	17	18	19	20
			5	6	Value of Real Estate		Value of Personal Estate	11		12	13	14							
1	99	Chappell Martin	31	M	W	Farmer	1600	350	Marquette										1
2		Mary	27	F	W	Keeping house			Marquette										2
3		Byron W	4	M	W	At home			Wisconsin										3
4		Cora	6	F	W	At home			Wisconsin										4
5		Robert	1	M	W	At home			Wisconsin										5
6		Mattie	2	F	W	At home			Wisconsin										6

By 1873 Cora and Byron were living in Hampton, Franklin County, Iowa with their grandmother, Elizabeth, Elizabeth's daughter, Fanny, & her husband, George Marbeaker. Byron had diphtheria that year. The census lists Cora and Byron as grandchildren. George was living with his son, Elbridge, in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

On Feb 11, 1874, Mary gave up guardianship of her children, Byron and Cora, to her brother, Elbridge. Elbridge, Byron, Cora and Elizabeth Nelson Walker lived in Hampton.

All the details are in Mary's story. See [4 William Harper Walker Mary Elizabeth Walker](#)

In Co Court Was. Co. Mo'
To the Judge of said Court

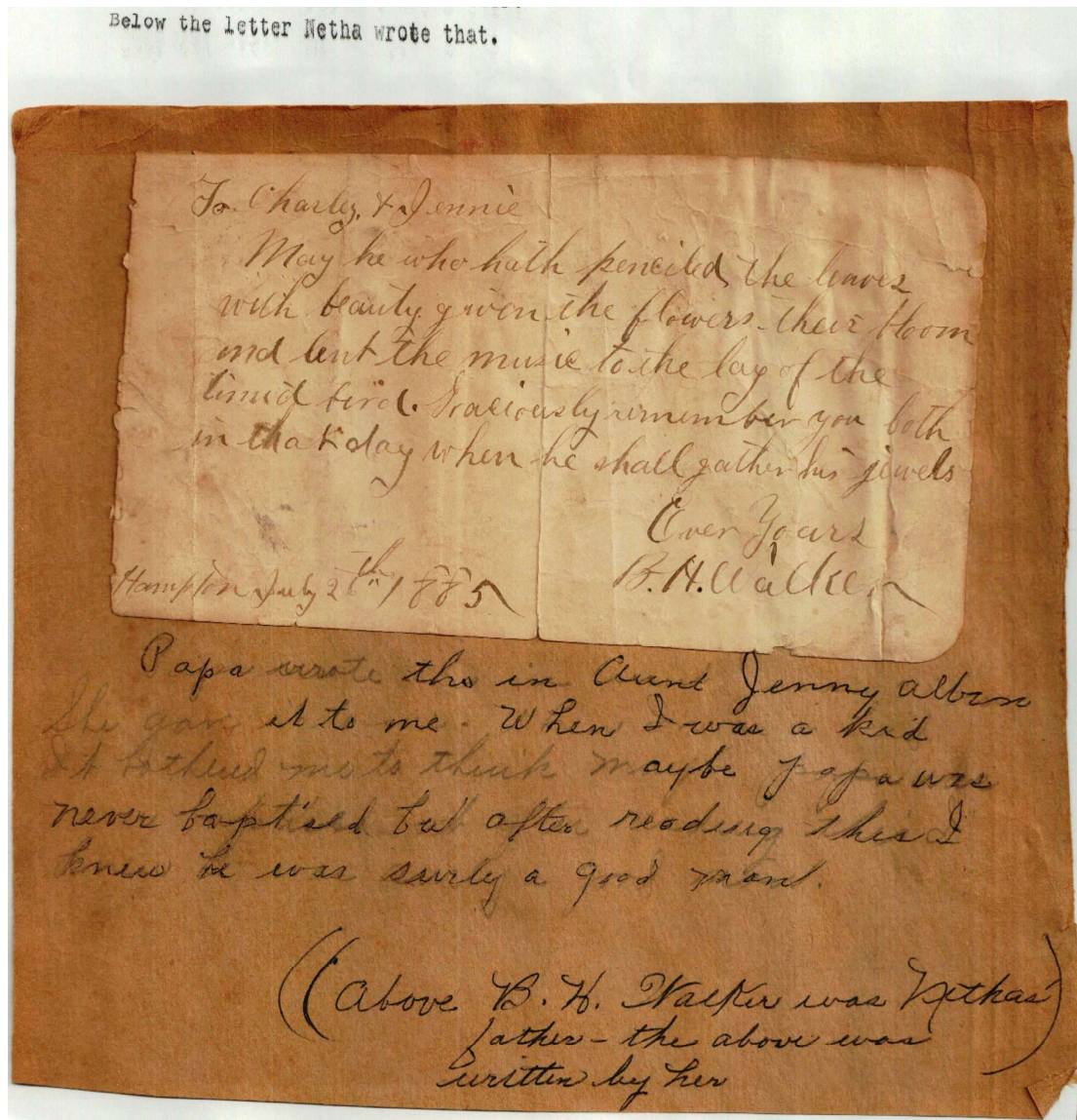
I Mary E.

Chappell Guardian of Cora E. Walker &
Byron H Walker Minors children of William
H Walker ^{dec'd} and their Mother hereby tender
My resignation as said guardian and pray
that my Brother Elbridge J Walker of
Delaware be appointed my successor
And I further represent that all of the
Estate of said Minors consist of 40 acres
of land being the S. E. 1/4 of the S. E. 1/4 of
Section No 25. in Town of Richmond subject
to my right of Dower herein as widow of the
said Wm H Walker dec'd Mary May E Chappell
Subscribed & sworn to
before me Feb. 11th 1874

Peter Solder

Cof Judge
Was. Co. Mo'

Letter to future sister in law, Jennie Bailey, and brother in law, Charley Barrett, written by Byron Harper Walker. I got this scan from Judy Rodemeyer. Her grandmother was Netha Walker Wolfe.



B.H. Walker signature 1885



Clarinda Lowe
 Dec 21 1885
 For the Clerk of
 Franklin County
 Sir I here by
 give my full con-
 sent to the marriage
 of my wavel Byron H
 Walker and authorize
 you to grant license
 there for.
 Respectfully
 Yours EJ Walker

On December 23, 1885 Byron married
 Mattie Ida Bailey in Hampton. George's
 son, Elbridge Walker, signed permission
 for Byron to marry Mattie because Byron
 was only 20.

These two documents are at the Franklin
 Co. Historical society. A serendipity
 moment for me when I picked this book
 up, opened it randomly and found them.

I, _____ of _____ solemnly swear
 that I am acquainted with _____ who are parties for the marriage of whom a license is applied for; that said
 Byron H. Walker is of the age of ~~21~~ years and upward,
 of sound contracting mind, and unmarried; that said Mattie I. Bailey
 is of the age of _____ years and upward, of sound contracting mind, and unmarried; and that
 there is no legal impediment to said parties entering the marriage state, to the best of my knowledge, informa-
 tion, and belief.
 Subscribed and sworn to by _____ before me, this 23
 day of _____ A. D. 1885
 Clerk Circuit Court.

Mattie Ida Bailey 1866-1921

Mattie Ida BAILEY was born on May 30, 1866, near what would become Sheffield, Iowa daughter of Alonzo Moody Bailey and Esther Prescott Bailey. She was married three times and had two sons and two daughters. She died on November 10, 1921, in Hampton, Iowa, at the age of 55.

In 1870, Mattie Bailey was 5 years old and lived in Clinton Twp., Franklin Co., Iowa.

Mattie's mother died 1 Aug 1873 a month after her brother George Alonzo was born. Mattie was only 7 years old.

Her father married Sylvia Jane Curtis 3 years later, 17 July 1878 in Clinton, Mass. but they divorced after less than 2 years. Sylvia Bailey died March 17, 1910 in Stowe, Mass. and is buried there.



In 1880, Martha Bailey was 14 years old and was working as a servant in the Phillip Connell household in Ingham Twp., east of Hampton, Franklin Co., Iowa.

Mattie's Uncle, Joseph Nelson, her cousin Sarah Nelson Smith, Her future aunt, wife of Elbridge, Ina Fifer age 18, Mattie's father and 3 siblings plus her future step mother, and Byron's family all lived nearby.

Mattie was 15 years old in 1881 when her father, Alonzo, married Elizabeth Knight in Hampton, Ia.

Four years later, On December 23, 1885 Byron Harper Walker and Mattie Ida Bailey were married in Hampton. George's son, Elbridge Walker was his guardian and signed permission for Byron to marry Mattie because Byron was only 20. George's daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was Byron's mother. George's brother, William, was Byron's father. Byron and Mattie's Marriage license is at the Franklin County Historical Society in Hampton, IA.

(Byron's mother lived in South Dakota in 1885.)

Their first child, Fannie Fern Walker was born Dec. 5, 1886 in Hampton. Byron was working at a feed store. I don't know for sure it was Beed's.

S. B. H. Form 12 E]

STATE OF IOWA,
Franklin County.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.
 Physician, Midwife or other person in attendance, to return this certificate in 30 days to Clerk of the District and Circuit Courts of County in which same occurs. Penalty for non-compliance, \$10

1. Full name of Child <i>Fannie Fern</i>	2. Sex <i>Female</i>	3. Born in Wedlock (yes or no) <i>yes</i>
4. Color (white, black or red) <i>W</i>	5. No. of child of this Mother <i>1</i>	
6. Date and place of birth <i>Dec. 5 - Hampton</i>	7. Name of Father <i>Byron W. Walker</i>	
8. Father's place of birth <i>Illinois Mo's</i>	9. Father's age <i>21</i>	10. Father's occupation <i>Feed Store</i>
11. Name of Mother <i>Mattie Walker</i>	12. Mother's place of birth <i>Franklin Co., Ill.</i>	
13. Mother's age <i>20</i>	14. Mother's maiden name <i>Mattie Bailey</i>	
15. Mother's residence <i>Hampton</i>		
16. Name of Medical or other attendant and address <i>Dr. Mustangs Hampton</i>		
Returned by <i>Dr. Mustangs</i>	Residence <i>Hampton</i>	
Dated <i>Dec 11</i>	1886	

I found one reference to another child b. Dec. 5, 1886 in Hampton and named Byron Wayne Walker listing Mattie and Byron as parents. I never found anything more about him after that so I don't know if that is true.

The first feed store was opened by W. G. Beed in 1875, in a building on Fourth street, but in 1877, moved into a building opposite the postoffice block, on Reeve street. This is the only exclusive flour and feed store in Hampton and is run in connection with the Franklin mills

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They soon moved to Marquette, Nebraska near Mattie's sister, Emily Gooding Bailey Deal and her family. I would expect they traveled by rail.

Marquette, Nebraska

In the spring of 1880, the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad extended its lines of road from Aurora to Central City, providing the incentive for another town along its route in the county. At the time the railroad was completed there was a post office located on the east half of the northwest quarter of section 21, town 12, range 6, on the section line between sections 16 and 21. This post office was called Avon, and operated by Mrs. Nancy Carnahan. For the first six months the trains just stopped and threw off the mail as they had been unable to acquire land for the purpose. After that a station was opened, which for a year consisted of a handcar house, with **O.H. Wirsig** as agent. He was soon after appointed postmaster. Early in 1882, the Lincoln Land Company secured from J. W. Marquis, 100 acres of land on the southwest quarter of section 16, town 12, range 6, and surveyed and platted the town of Marquette. The railroad shortly removed an old depot from Dorchester to Marquette and it remained as a landmark for many years. The main street of Marquette was named Marquis Avenue, as Mr. Marquis was the former owner. Thomas Marquette was the attorney for the Land Company so he was honored with the town bearing his name.

The village of Marquette was incorporated March 2, 1889, with the first board of trustees including Dr. T.H. Line; M.E. Farr, cashier of the Bank of Marquette; H.D. Hall, hardware and furniture merchant. Mr. Hall was later a county commissioner at the time the present courthouse was built. The first store in Marquette was a general store, and on main street, after its move, was operated by Fairchild & Deal. The drug store operated by R.K. Hughes, was later sold to J.J. Luff, who operated it continuously until his death. He was the oldest druggist in Nebraska. H.D. Hall and S.P. Boyd had a general store. O.T. Greer ran a tin shop and later became the town's undertaker. J.Q. Hickman had a drug store on the north side of Main Street, there was a harness shop run by L.A. Hatfield, Larsen & Petersen operated a blacksmith and wagon shop. Later August Sanderson had a blacksmith shop. Marquette had two hotels, one operated by Mr. Bonner. T.H. Line was the first doctor, though later there were two physicians and one veterinarian. A flour mill was operated by Hickman brothers. The first grain elevator was operated by horse power. Later came the T.B. Hord Elevator, the Ferguson Grain Co., and the Farmers Cooperative Co. There was a creamery at one time and also a stockyards. The first garage was the Sandin Auto Co. which was a pioneer dealer in Fords. This later became the Ekberg Auto Co. C.O. Larson and Olson each operated implement stores. A.W. Hickman owned and operated a lumber yard, later operated by W.O. Eichelberger. At one time, the thriving town of Marquette had four general merchandise stores. They were A.B. Cowley Store, C.A. Stewart Store, the Chris Wilson Store and the Carl Krogh store. The Krogh Store was bought out by stockholders who operated as the Marquette Mercantile Company. The Cowley and Stewart stores had gone, and the mercantile company bought out the Wilson store. Managed by J.W. Hudson, now mayor of Aurora, this business continued until December 31, 1942, and the last general store was gone. Fires plagued the early towns as they were without protection. In 1906, fire destroyed the frame buildings on the south side of Marquis Street between Jimmy Nickles and C.A. Wilson stores. In 1910 the north side from White Hall to William Youngs was wiped out by fire. Both sides of the street replaced the frame with brick structures. Mr. and Mrs. William Alden had the first child born in Marquette. Mr. Alden was employed by the Fairchild & Deal Store. from "Centennial History of Hamilton County 1867-1967" by Bertha G. Bremer

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Champion, a thriving village in the central part of Chase county, nine miles from Imperial, the county seat. A good flouring mill with a 50-barrel capacity is operated by the water power furnished by the Frenchman river. The Chase County Champion, a weekly newspaper, is well supported. The town was named in honor of Champion S. Chase, a prominent attorney at Omaha. It is expected that the B. & M. R.R. will soon build through here on its way to Holyoke, Colorado. Population, 200.

Adams C O, drugs.
 Bell J S, hardware.
 Champion Milling Co, flouring mill.
 Chase County Champion, Kelly & Mathews pubs.
 Davidson W L, justice.
 Fox J P, blacksmith, agl implts.
 Leslie A O, justice.

Lyman M E Mrs, millinery.

Mathews J K, jeweler, postmaster.

Nolin B, millinery, dressmaking.

Pine Frank, hardware.

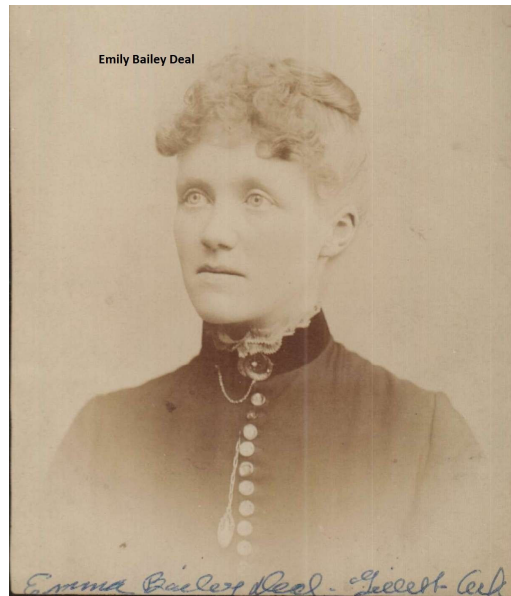
Ray Alonzo, agl implts.

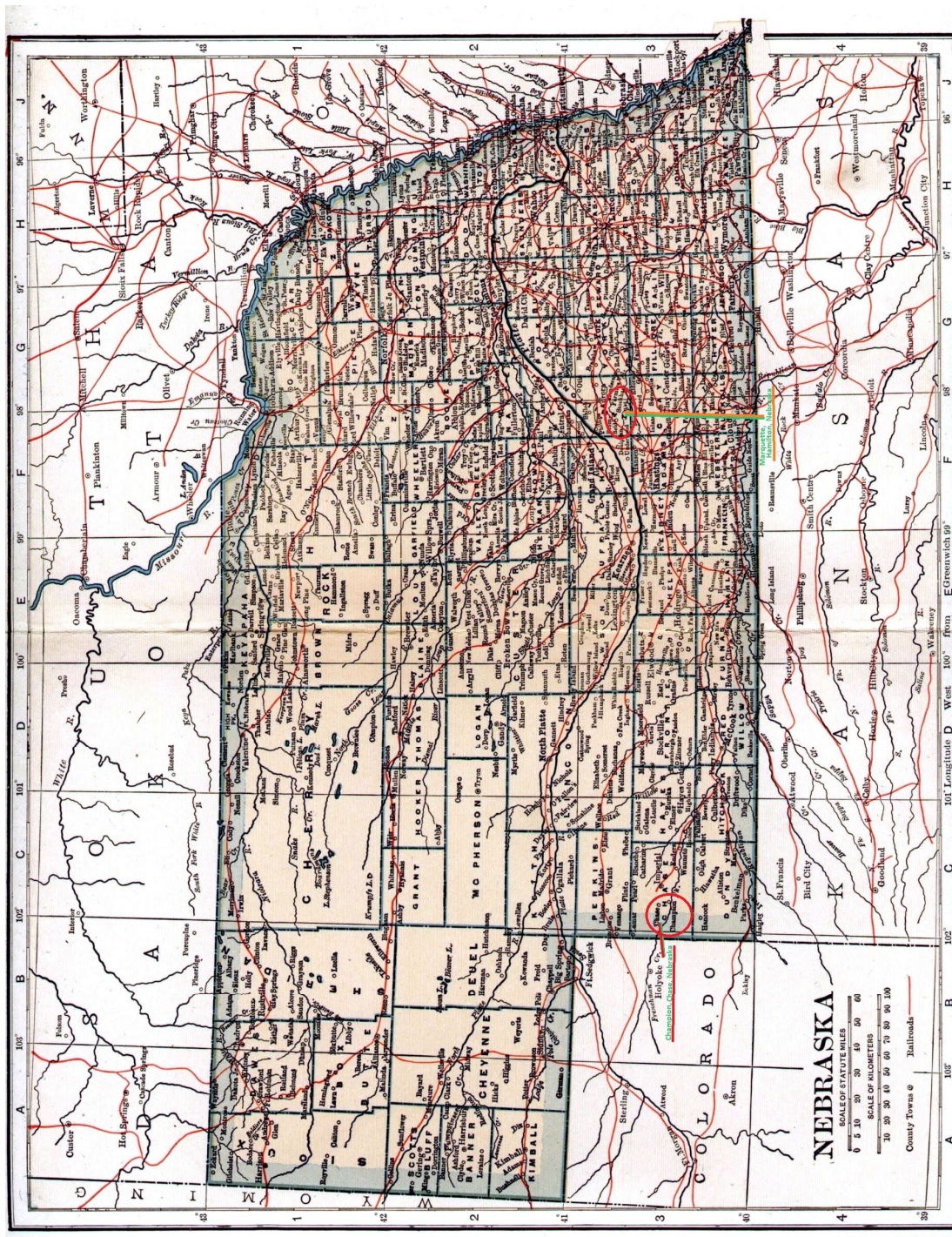
Thomas J L, harnessmaker.

Wirsig O H, genl mdse. *(Is this the same O. H. Wirsig who was the postmaster in Marquette in 1890?)*

Mattie and her sister Emily both lived in Nebraska and Arkansas at the same time; Sep 1887 to at least 1893 in Nebraska. Emily's sons, William and Prescott, and Mattie's last 3 children were all born in NE.

Emily, pictured at right, died in Arkansas in 1917 age 58. No death record for Henry C. Deal.

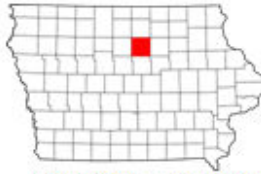




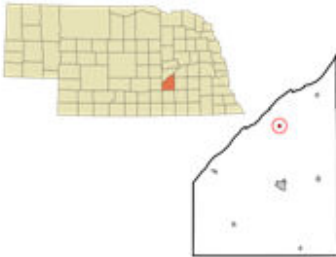
The next three children were born in, Nebraska. Netha Gale in 1890 & Leil Byron 1892 in Marquett and Dale in Champion in 1894.



Delavan, Wisconsin
Byron was born in Richmond,
Walworth Co., Wisconsin



Hampton, Franklin County, Iowa
He lived in Hampton, Iowa with his
Grandmother, Elizabeth Nelson Walker.
Married Mattie there and Fannie was born
there in 1886.



Marquette, Nebraska
Netha was born in Marquette in 1890,
Leil in 1892, and Dale in Champion,
Nebraska in 1894.



Gillett, Arkansas
Byron died in Gillett, Arkansas
in 1898. Mattie returned to
Hampton.



The children, Netha Gale in 1890, Leil Byron 1892 in Marquette, and Dale in Champion, Nebraska in 1894. They then moved to Gillette, Arkansas where Byron died July 24, 1898 at the age of 32. Mattie was 32, a widow with 4 small children. They moved back to Hampton.

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RE: where should I look?

1 message

State Archives <state.archives@arkansas.gov>

Wed, Dec 23, 2015 at 1:50 PM

To: Toni Pralle <toni.pralle@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Pralle,

I apologize for taking so long to answer this request. We have been working through a large backlog and it has taken us much longer than we expected to get caught up. The state of Arkansas did not begin requiring birth or death certificates until 1914, so it is almost impossible to find an official record prior to that date. We have to rely on things like obituaries and probate records.

I checked the will records that we have on file for Arkansas County for the years around 1898 but unfortunately, I was not able to locate anything on Mr. Walker. While I'm sure there was a cemetery called Gillette Cemetery, it does not appear in any of our cemetery listings for the county, nor does he appear listed anywhere else.

I'm sorry that we could not be more help in this matter. Thank you for being patient with us. If you have any other questions please let us know.

Best Regards,

Lauren Jarvis

Archival Manager, Public Services

Arkansas History Commission

One Capitol Mall

Little Rock, AR 72201

In 1900, Mattie Walker was 33 years old, widowed, and lived in Hampton, Iowa with her 2 sons and 2 daughters, Fannie, Netha, Leo, and Dale. Her widowed sister, Laura Alice Cunningham, and her 4 children, Mae Ester, Emma Lurilla, Earl, and Hazel Cunningham, lived with them. Laura's husband, William Cunningham, had committed suicide in Rushville, Nebraska Feb. 24, 1900. He suffered from epilepsy. Laura Alice married Franklin E. Richards Dec. 22, 1904 at McCook. Laura Alice died April 2, 1907 at McCook, NE. age 43.

1902 July 28 at age 36 Mattie married Curtis L. Emmons in Minneapolis, MN. and they lived in Hampton, Iowa. From the little I can find for Curtis, he was living in Hampton when they married. No documentation.

By 1910, Mattie Emmons was 42 years old, divorced from Curtis Emmons, and lived in Hampton, Iowa with Netha, Leil and Dale. Her oldest daughter, Fannie Fern, had married Kyle C. Fowler Nov. 16, 1907 and a second marriage license for the couple was taken out 31 Aug. 1929. So either they married twice or the first marriage never happened. Netha, Leo and Dale were still living with Mattie. Mattie was a sales lady at a general store. Leo and Dale were doing odd jobs.

1912, Nov 25 Mattie married David Earl Spitler in Des Moines, IA. Mattie's birth date changes from census to census and husband to husband. I don't know how she explained the children. She said she was 33. She was 46. David was 30.

She and David lived in Alden, Iowa until August 1921. Mattie was in poor health and went to Hampton to stay with Netha but her health didn't improve. She died Thursday, November 10, 1921 at Netha's home in Hampton. She was 55 years old.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alonzo M. Bailey and Esther Prescott Bailey, half brother, Frank, sisters Frances, Laura and Emily. She is survived by children Leil Walker, Fanny Walker Fowler, Dale B. Walker, Neitha Walker Wolfe, sisters Mrs. Stella (Tom) Foughty, Mrs. Jennie (Charles) Barrett, and brothers Frank, Theodore, and George Bailey. Services were held from the Baptist church by Rev. Wm. Welsh on Sunday afternoon. Burial in the Hampton Cemetery next to her parents.

LOVED WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Mattie Spidler Answers Final Summons Thursday. Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon.

Deepest regret among a large circle of friends was elicited by the death of Mrs. Mattie Spidler, aged 55 years, wife of David E. Spidler, of Alden, who passed to her reward on Thursday, Nov. 10th, in this city at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jay Q. Wolfe.

The deceased had been in poor health for about two years and last August came here from her home in Alden for a visit with her children and other Hampton relatives feeling the change might do her good and hoping that she would soon regain her former splendid health and vigor. However, she failed to improve and for the past two months had been bedfast.

Mattie Ida Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bailey, well remembered pioneer residents of Franklin county, was born May 30, 1866, on a farm near Sheffield and in early childhood moved with her parents to Hampton where she grew to womanhood. ~~In 1886 to B. H. Walker, five years later moved to Michigan and later to Arkansas, where the husband died Dec. 24, 1898.~~ Four children were born to this union all of whom survive and reside in Hampton. The children are Mrs. K. C. Fowler, Liel B. Walker, Mrs. Jay Q. Wolfe and Dale B. Walker. The widow on Nov. 25, 1912, married David E. Spidler, of Panora, Iowa, and lived there for a time and then moved to Alden which has since been her home.

The deceased is also survived by the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Tom M. Foughty, Mrs. Chas. P. Barrett and F. A. Bailey, all of Hampton, and Theodore G. Bailey, of Seattle, Wash., and George A. Bailey, of Centuria, Wis.

Among all who knew her, the subject of this sketch ranked as a kind neighbor, devoted wife and mother, a true friend, and withal a woman of heroic mould in bravely meeting the stern requirements and often the disappointments of life.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Wm. Welsh, were held from the Baptist church of this city, of which the deceased was a member, on Sunday afternoon. Burial was made in the Hampton cemetery beside her father and mother.

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Parents Alonzo and Esther Husbands Byron and David Husband Curtis
Siblings

Parents & Siblings <div> <div>Alonzo Moody BAILEY 1823 – 1903</div> <div>Esther L. PRESCOTT 1832 – 1873</div> <div>Frances Eva Bailey 1852 – 1870</div> <div>Estela Stella Bailey 1854 – 1931</div> <div>Jennie (Luna Jane) Bailey 1856 – 1938</div> <div>Emily Gooding Bailey 1858 – 1917</div> <div>Frank Albane Bailey 1861 – 1948</div> <div>Laura Alice Bailey 1863 – 1907</div> <div>Theodore G Bailey 1869 – 1941</div> <div>George Alonzo Bailey 1873 – 1937</div> <div>Half-Siblings</div> <div>Frank Bailey 1850 – 1850</div> </div>	Spouse & Children <div> <div>Byron Harper WALKER 1865 – 1898</div> <div>Byron Wayne Walker 1886 –</div> <div>Fannie Fern Walker 1886 –</div> <div>Netha Gale Walker 1890 – 1975</div> <div>"Deke" Leil Byron WALKER 1892 – 1957</div> <div>Dale Bradon Walker 1894 – 1942</div> </div>	Spouse & Children <div> <div>Curtis Emmons 1869 –</div> <div>+ Add Child</div> </div>
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Mattie's Family

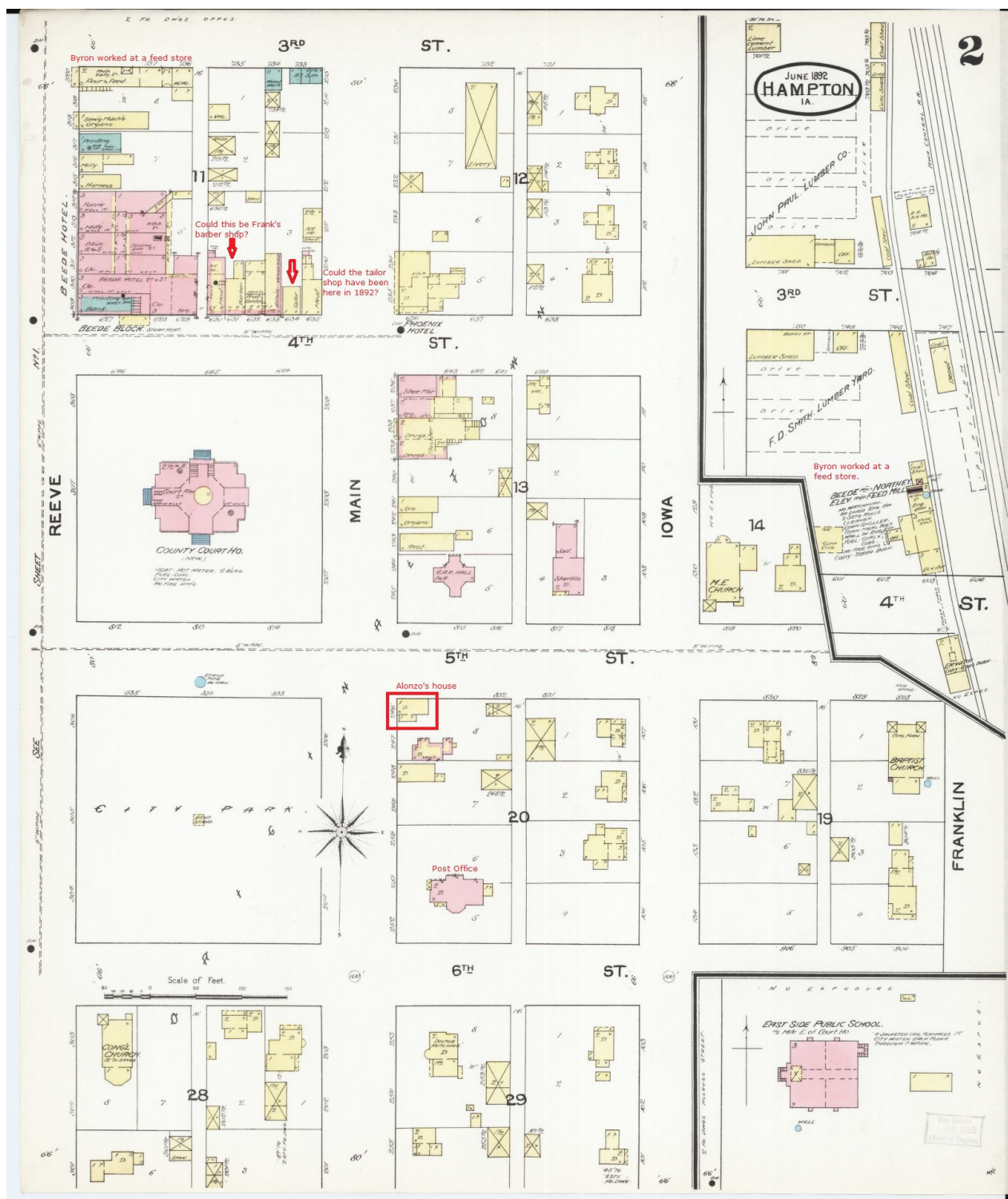


Mattie, Esther, Alonzo in the Hampton Cemetery.

29 Oct 1923 David Spitler married Clara Matthews Brady, widow of Harry Brady.
May 8, 1918 Curtis Emmons married C. Elizabeth Wimmiller in Nodaway, Mo.

Mattie's mother's side: Samuel Brownell m. Ann Cook> Hannah Brownell married Wing Durfee>William Durfee married Nancy Wilbore>Hannah Durfee married James Prescott> Esther Prescott married Alonzo Moody Bailey> Mattie Bailey married Byron Walker>Leil Walker married Anna Bahls. Mattie's father's side: William Scott Bailey m. Laura Ann McCaulley> Alonzo Moody Bailey m. Esther Prescott. (Research Benjamin Bailey/Mary Smith)

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STREET NAMES CHANGED IN 1936
PRE-1936 NAMES IN (PARENTHESES)





George Walker 1820-1905



Elbridge Walker
son of George 1848-1910



Mary Walker Chappell
Daughter of George
1842-1921



Bryon Harper Walker 1865-1898
Son of Mary Walker and William
Harper Walker



Mattie Ida Bailey 1866-1921
Daughter of Alonzo and Esther Bailey

I don't have a picture of William Harper Walker, Byron's father. Elbridge was his guardian.



"Deke" Leil Byron Walker
Son of Byron Harper Walker and Mattie Ida Bailey
1892-1957



Anna Pauline Katherine Bahls
daughter of Carl and Mary Glawe Bahls
1889-1981



Fanny



Bob



Herb



Ed



Jean



Bill



Leila



Dick

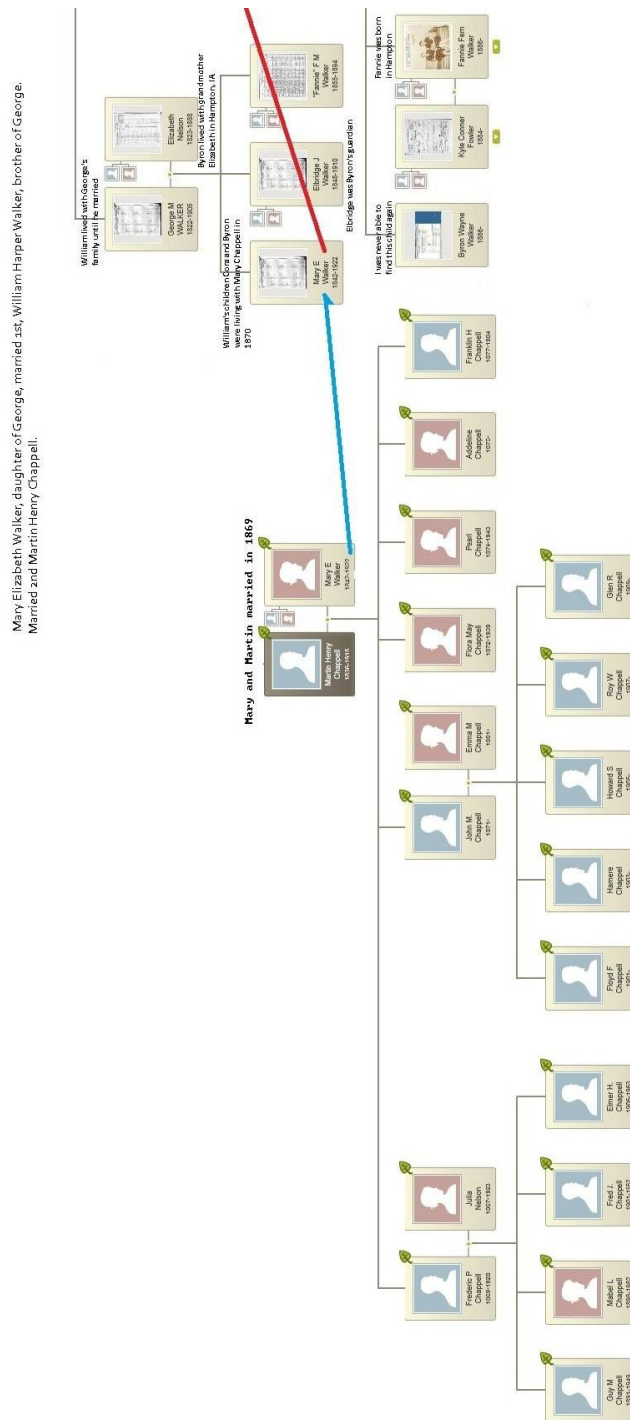


Tudy



Byron

Byron' family Left half



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